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SUBJECT HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DETENTION OF  
OSVALDO GASPARINI (163/77/11)

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2282

1. PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST OF NOVEMBER 7, 1977 TO  
SECRETARY VANCE REGARDING SEVEN ARGENTINE POLITICAL  
PRISONERS WHICH WE SUBMITTED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT,  
THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS  
GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON OSVALDO GASPARINI:

2. MR. GASPARINI WAS PLACED UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION IN  
NOVEMBER, 1974 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION.  
HE WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN JAIL IN SEPTEMBER, 1975.  
HE WAS REMOVED FROM EXECUTIVE DETENTION STATUS IN NOVEMBER,  
1977. HIS JAIL SENTENCE WAS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER, 1977.  
HOWEVER, HIS DETENTION WAS CONTINUED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER  
BECAUSE OF HIS BACKGROUND AND HIS DANGEROUSNESS.  
AT PRESENT HE IS IMPRISONED AT SIERRA CHICA  
PRISON. IN JANUARY 1978 HE PRESENTED A REQUEST TO LEAVE THE  
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COUNTRY, WHICH WAS DENIED IN APRIL, 1978.

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3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THIS CASE AND WILL  
KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.  
CASTRO

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